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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was July 29, 2005. Applicants have enclosed a petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005 one (1) month, from July 29, 2005 to August 29, 2005. In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

The Applicants' Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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